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SUBJECT: TERRORISM: STATUS OF TWO ARAB TERRORISTS

1. ATHENS NEWS PAPERS AND WIRE SERVICES REPORTED APRIL 23 THAT COUNCIL OF PARDONS (MINISTRY OF JUSTICE) COMMUTED DEATH SENTENCE TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT OF TWO JORDANIAN TERRORISTS, SHAFIK AL ARID AND TALAAL KHANTOURAM, WHO WERE FOUND GUILTY OF KILLING FIVE PERSONS AND INJURING 45 OTHERS AT ATHENS AIRPORT ON AUGUST 5, 1973. REPORTEDLY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S RECOMMENDATION OF COMMUTATION OF SENTENCES TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT WAS ACCEPTED BY COUNCIL OF PARDONS. AFTERWARDS MINISTER OF JUSTICE REVIEWED AND APPROVED COUNCIL'S FINDING, WHICH THUS BECAME FINAL. ACCORDING TO ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE, CASE NEXT PASSES TO PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC (FORMERLY TO KING) WHO ROUTINELY VALIDATES DETERMINATION OF MINISTER OF JUSTICE. LEGAL EXPERTS POINT OUT MINISTER OF JUSTICE CAN RECOMMEND CLEMENCY WHICH PRESUMABLY WOULD PAVE WAY FOR DEPORTATION.

2. ATHENS PRESS ALSO REPORTED THAT GOG HAS SUCCEEDED IN LOCATING COUNTRY TO RECEIVE TWO ARABS IF GOG REACHES DECISION TO DEPORT.

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ACCOUNTS BUT ADMITTED HE TOO HAD HEARD UNOFFICIALLY THAT ARAB COUNTRIES HAD BEEN APPROACHED RE ACCEPTANCE OF TWO TERRORISTS. SPECULATION CENTERS ON LIBYA AS AGREEING TO RECEIVE THEM BUT THIS IS UNCONFIRMED.
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